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EXTREMISM

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Overview

- **Extremism Definition**
- **Right Wing**
- **Left Wing**
- **Gangs**

Extremist behavior is a significant threat to today's military

EO practitioners must assist commands in identifying problems

Apathy and ignorance foster dangerous command climates

Command Climates must be created that support Army Values

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DEFINITION

Extremist organizations and activities are ones that advocate racial, gender or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocate, create, or engage in illegal discrimination based on race, color, gender, religion, or national origin or advocate the use of or use force or violence or unlawful means to deprive individuals of their rights under the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States, or any State, by unlawful means.

Current Trends

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- Increasing emphasis on "lone wolf" activism (acting in small cells or alone to avoid getting caught);

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- The ascendancy of the Internet as an instrument for extremist organizing and disseminating information;

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- **The use of white power music as a recruiting tool by professional bigots like National Alliance head, William Pierce;**

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- The emergence of Holocaust denial as an extremist lingua franca, both domestically and worldwide as well as budding alliances between Western deniers and their Middle Eastern counterparts -- even as David Irving lost a widely publicized libel lawsuit and other deniers were repeatedly defeated in their courtroom battles;

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- **The increasing role of women in far-right movements;**

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- **The apparent demise of neo-Nazi stronghold Aryan Nations after the group and its aging leader, Richard Butler, lost a multimillion dollar civil decision (stemming from an assault by its security guards);**

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- **Opportunistic support of the anti-globalization movement and of the Palestinian cause by some on the far right;**

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- **The convergence between the radical right and some elements of the radical left -- conspiratorial anti-globalists and hard-core anarchists in particular; and, most recently, support for foreign anti-American terrorists.**

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"We may not want them marrying our daughters…but anyone willing to drive a plane into a building to kill Jews is alright by me. I wish our members had half as much testicular fortitude."

American Neo-Nazi speaking about the hijackers of September 11, 2001

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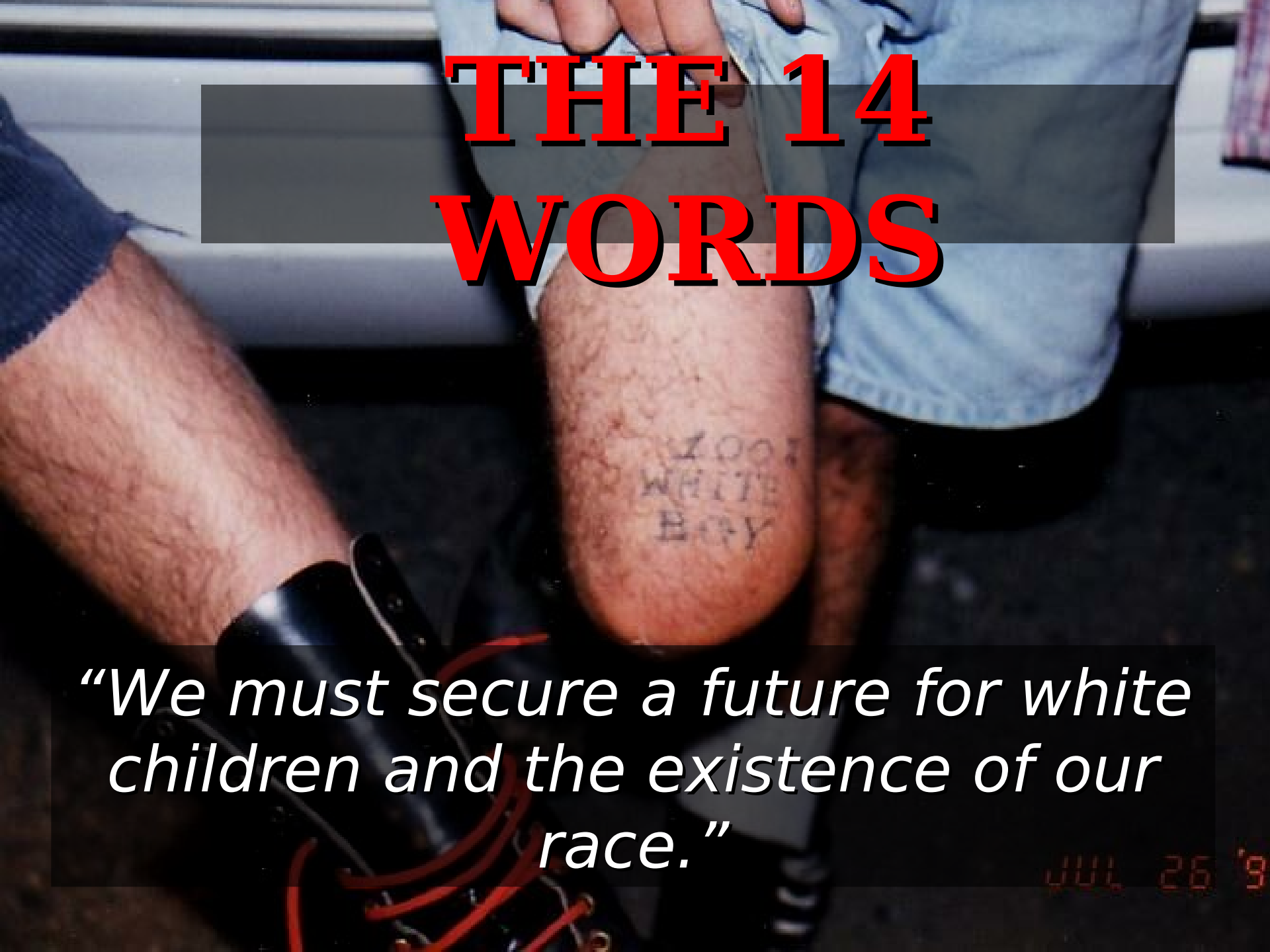
Philosophy / Beliefs

- White Supremacy
- Christian Identity



THE 14 WORDS

“We must secure a future for white children and the existence of our race.”

Symbols

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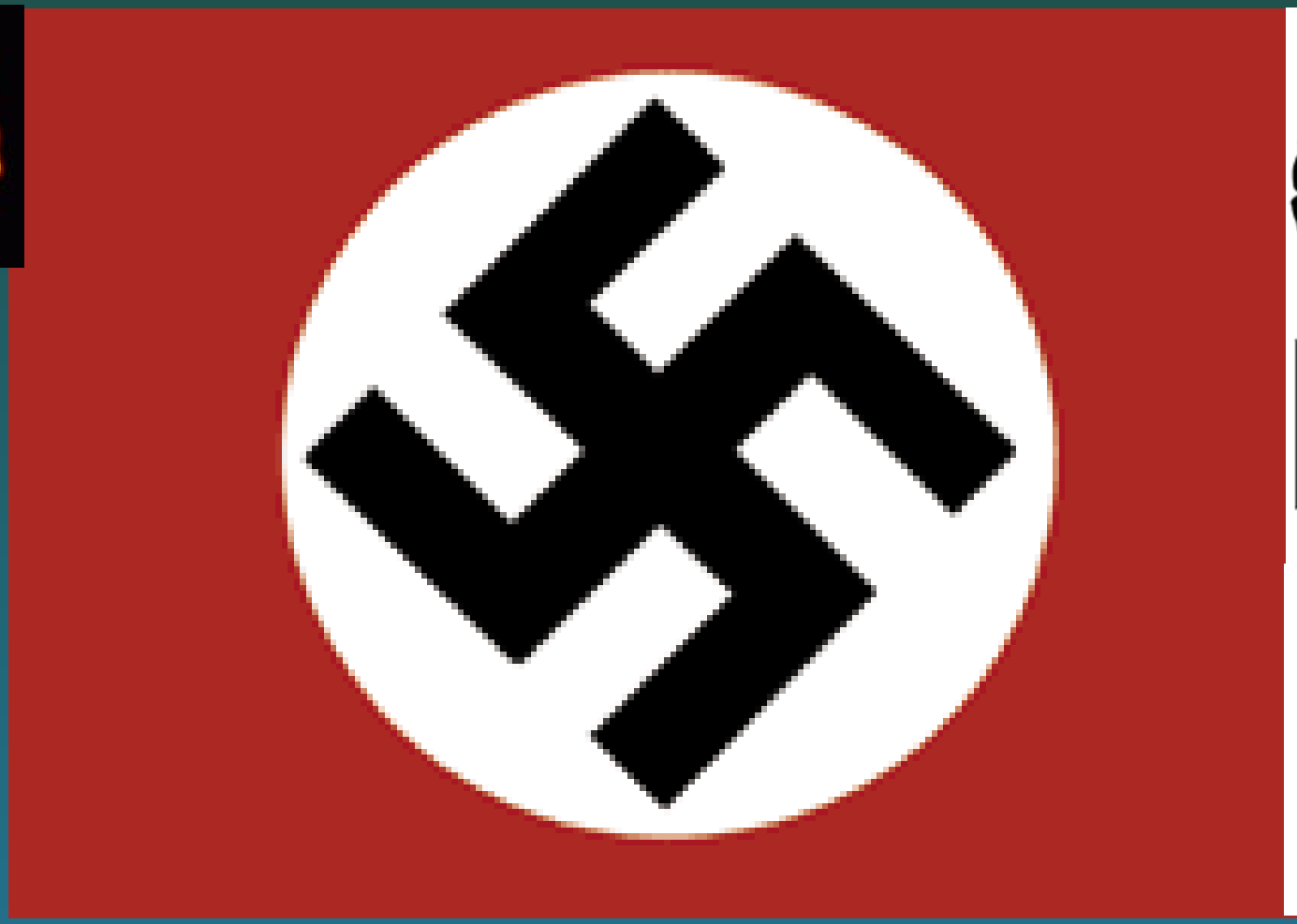

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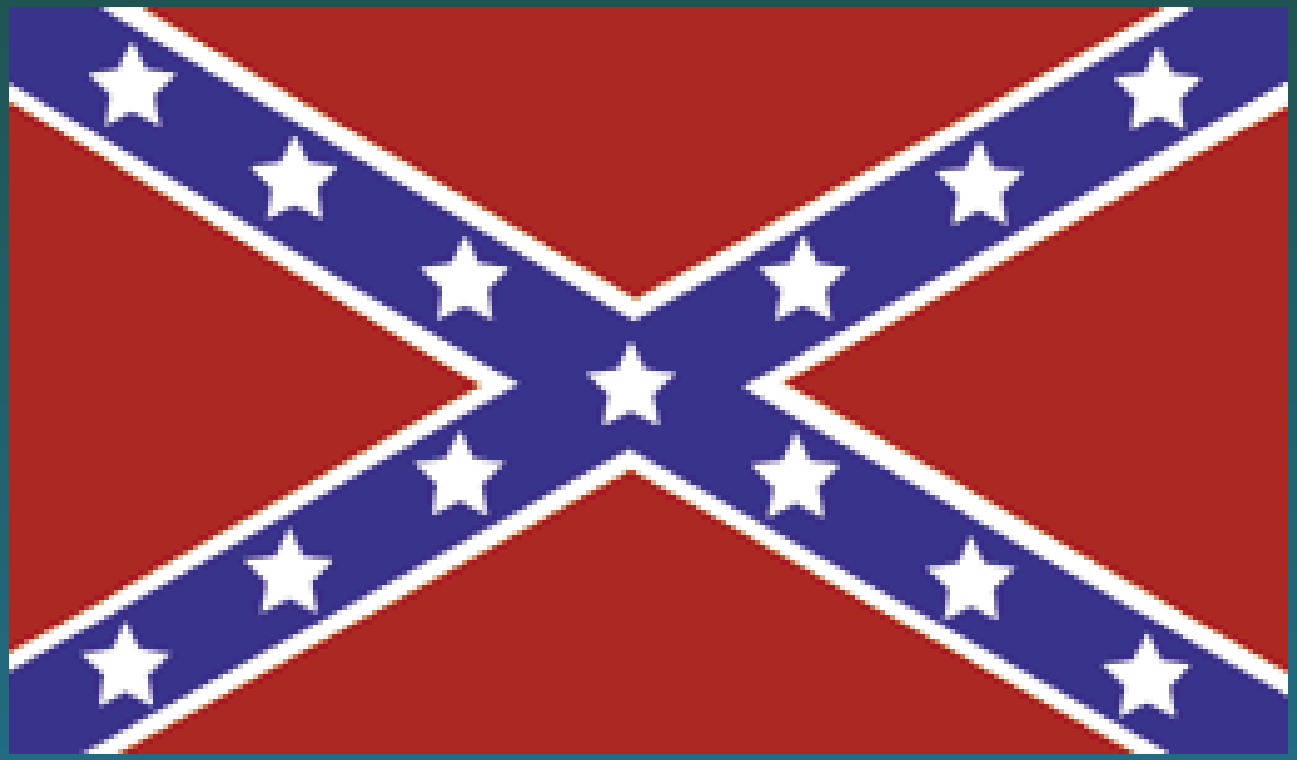

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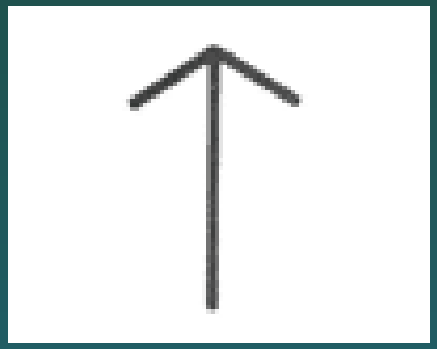

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Norse rune

The Elhaz rune

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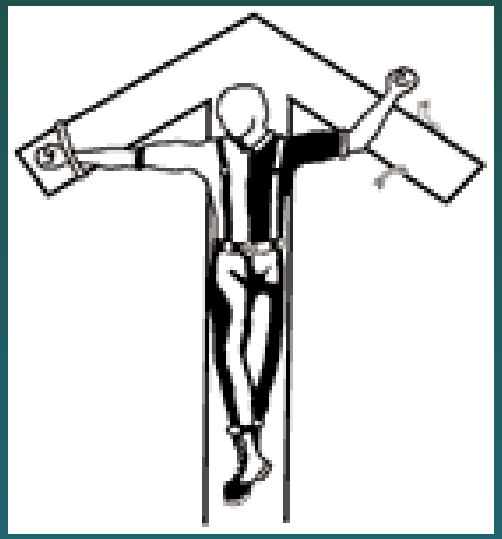

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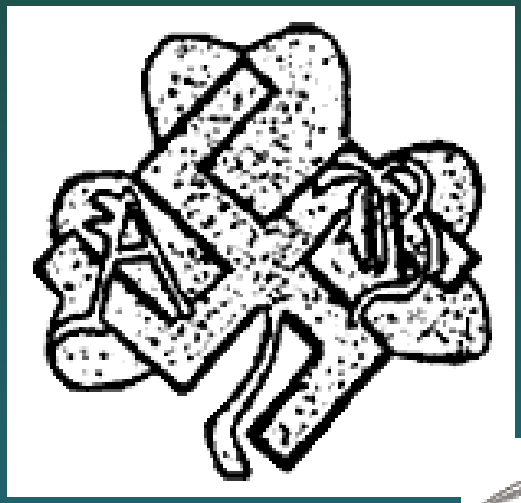

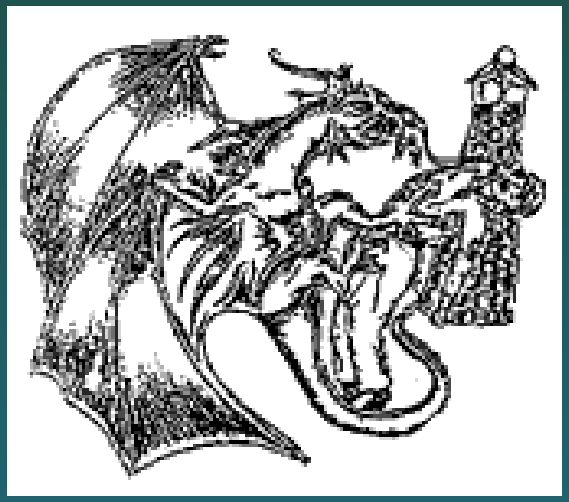

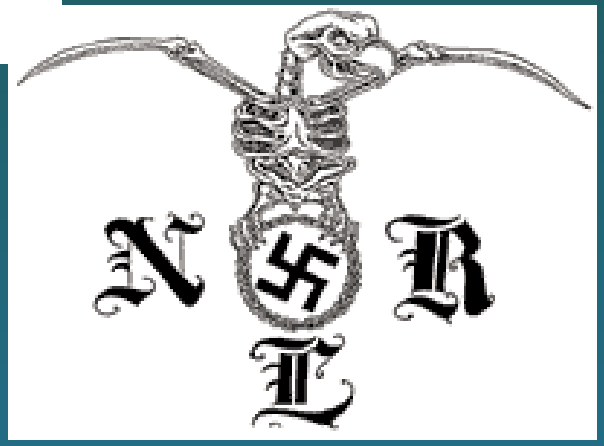

Tattoo’s
Skin
Head
WAR

Left Wing Extremists

Philosophy

Symbols

Nation of Islam

- Founder: Elijah Muhammad
- Current leader: Louis Farrakhan
- Historical inequitable treatment of African Americans in the US
- Anti-Semitic
- Separate Islamic African-American homeland
- Segregation
- Eliminate taxation of

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White people are potential humans…they haven't evolved yet."

Philadelphia Inquirer, 3/18/00

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"These false Jews promote the filth of Hollywood that is seeding the American people and the people of the world and bringing you down in moral strength…It's the wicked Jews the false Jews that are promoting Lesbianism, homosexuality. It's wicked Jews, false Jews that make it a crime for you to preach the word of God, then they call you homophobic!"

Saviours' Day, Chicago, Illinois, 2/26/06

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New Black Panther Party

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M.E.Ch.A.

- **Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (Chicano Student Movement of Aztlán).**
- **Calls for the reinstatement of lands seized and purchased during Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1846**
- **Anti-Semitic**

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Critical Events

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Army Chaplain James (Yusuf) Yee

Arrested 10 September 2003

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Criminal Street Gangs

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GANG:

A group of individuals of 3 or more members, that takes some form of Identity/leadership, and is continually involved in criminal activity.

Midwest Style Gangs

Folk / People

- Formed in late 1960's
- Initially formed in vacuum of Black Panther Party
- Organized along neighborhood boundaries
- Quickly turned to crime and intimidation
- The introduction of "Crack" cocaine changed their purpose and practices

California Style Gangs

Crip / Blood-Piru

- Formed in late 1960's
- Initially formed in vacuum of Black Panther Party
- Organized along neighborhood boundaries
- Quickly turned to crime and intimidation
- The introduction of "Crack" cocaine changed their purpose and practices

Sureno / Norteno

- "13"
- "XIII"
- Blue bandana
- Sur

- "14"
- "XIV"
- Red bandana
- Norte

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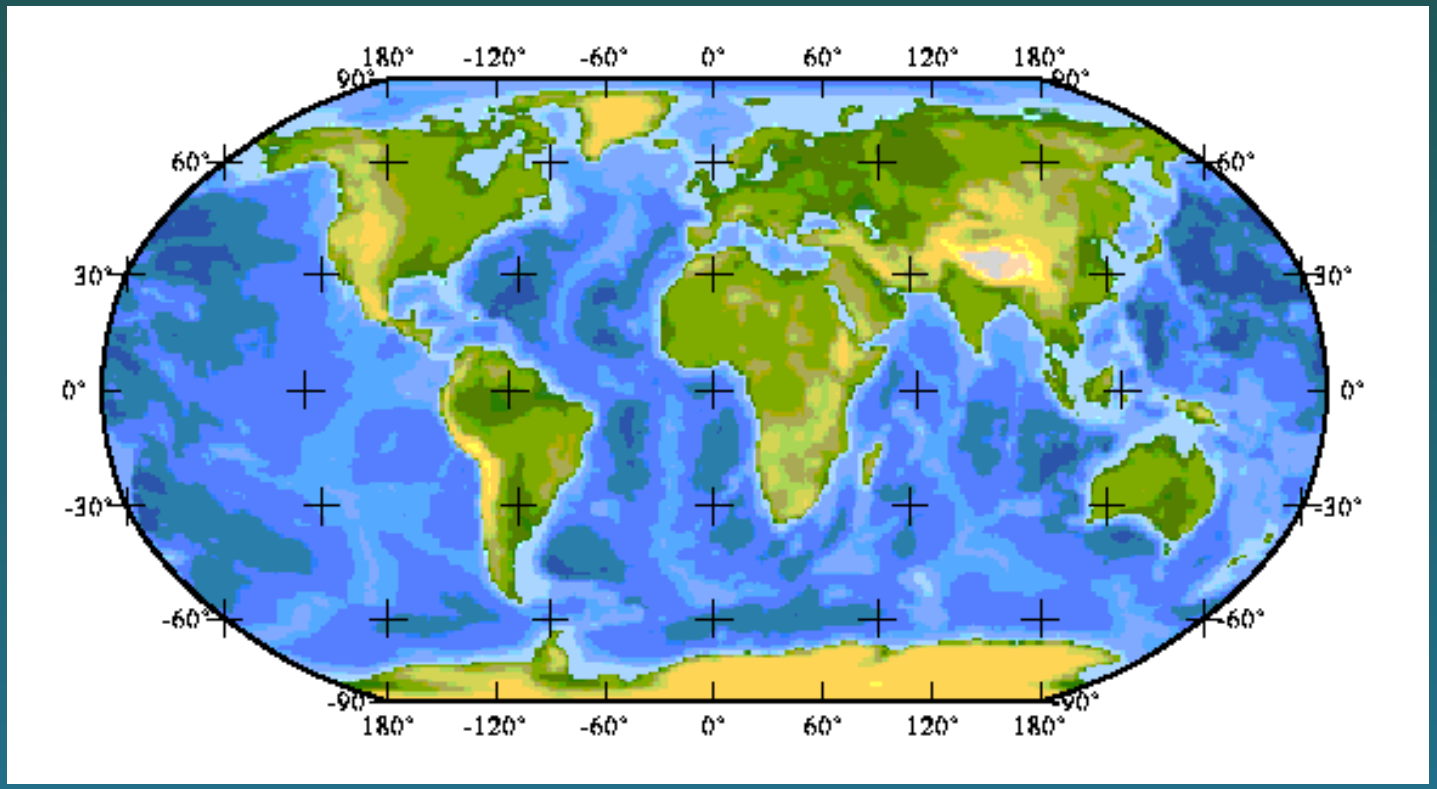
Trans-National Gangs



Asian Gangs

Biker Gangs

Hybrid Gangs

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Gang Related Incidents in the Military Services

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Do you have the resources available to assist your command?

Extremist views affect perceptions and behaviors in units

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EO practitioners must have the knowledge to help commanders

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SUMMARY

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